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SUBJECT: ICCS: NEW POLDEL AMBASSADOR

REFS: (A) SAIGON 2143; (B) SAIGON 2297

1. I SAW VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI BRIEFLY THIS MORNING TO ASK HIM ABOUT KULAGA'S REPLACEMENT. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD COMPLETED THE PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION, BUT THAT THE DECISION TO APPOINT HAD NOW BEEN FORWARDED TO THE PREMIER, WHO WAS EXPECTED TO ACT ON IT BY NO LATER THAN MARCH 10. (SPASOWSKI INDICATED THAT, BEFORE THE PREMIER COULD ACT, CLEARANCE HAD TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE). CONSEQUENTLY, WHILE HE COULD AS YET TELL ME NOTHING OFFICIALLY, HE COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE MAN NOMINATED BY THE MINISTRY WAS RYSZARD FIJALKOWSKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT II (ASIA), WHO HAS BEEN HANDLING ICCS AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY. ASSUMING THAT FIJALKOWSKI'S APPOINTMENT WAS APPROVED BY MARCH 10, SPASOWSKI HOPED HE COULD LEAVE FOR SAIGON BY ABOUT MARCH 15. IN THE MEANWHILE, HE SAID, FIJALKOWSKI WOULD HAVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATION IN WARSAW WITH KULAGA.

2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SPASOWSKI SAID, HE WAS RELUCTANT TO GIVE ME FORMALLY A CURRICULUM VITAE ON FIJALKOWSKI.

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SKI, BUT CONFIRMED THAT FIJALKOWSKI IS IN HIS 40'S (REF B). COMMENT: THE DISPARITY IN KULAGA'S DESCRIPTION OF HIS SUCCESSOR AS HOLDING A POST IN THE "AMERICAN SECTION" PRESUMABLE ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT SPASOWSKI CONTINUES TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OVER ICCS AFFAIRS. END COMMENT.

3. SPASOWSKI SAID HE EXPECTED THAT FIJALKOWSKI WOULD HAVE THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, "WHICH GOES WITH THE JOB". HE VOLUNTEERED THAT, IN CONSIDERING THIS APPOINTMENT, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAD HAD CLEARLY IN MIND THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL THE CALIBER OF POLISH REPRESENTATION IN THE ICCS.

4. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, AS THE OFFICER IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR POLAND'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS, FIJALKOWSKI WAS IDEALLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE WAS BEING NOMINATED. HE ADDED THAT FIJALKOWSKI HAD SERVED EARLIER IN VIETNAM.

5. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, WHEN HE WAS SURE THE APPOINTMENT WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT, HE WOULD FURNISH ME FULL BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS ON FIJALKOWSKI.

6. APART FROM RECEIPT OF A CIRCULAR NOTE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, DATED JANUARY 24, 1974, ANNOUNCING FIJALKOWSKI'S APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT II, THE EMBASSY'S BIOGRAPHIC RECORDS CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ON FIJALKOWSKI.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.
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